

"for now we see thru a glass darkly; but then face to face." We'll see that these tears and heartaches were far the best. We'll thank God then, tho it breaks our hearts now. We'll thank him for the dens of lions, the fiery furnaces, the shipwrecks of life.

Sometime all the dark mysteries will be cleared away, earth's sorrows will be over, hungry hearts will be filled. Sometime we will know why we had to put our loved ones away under the flowers to wait the resurrection morn. Then we will be at home with father, with mother, at home with brother, with sister. At home with the loved ones awaiting our coming, at home with Jesus. That will be "the summer of the soul." Oh, to think of the joys that are coming.

"God knows the way. He holds the key,
He guides us with unerring hand;
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see;
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.
Then trust in God thru all thy days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Tho dark the way, still sing and praise;
Sometime, sometime we'll understand.

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WOMEN AND WAR

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Was John Ruskin right when he said that women were to blame for war? One would think that they, the greatest sufferers by wars, would abhor them, and use all their influence to bring about the end of all wars. They do hate war, but the trouble is they love the warrior. Read the accounts of returning soldiers and military heroes, and see how frantically the gentle sex heaps upon them honors and admiration. How fervently they dote on the brilliant uniforms, the waving plumes. In society the young gentleman in civilian dress stands no show at all by the side of a gay uniform. As long as women, particularly the young and fair, worship the soldier, it will be popular to be a soldier, and when you make the soldier popular you make wars popular. Teach your girls that soldiering is a brutal profession, and that when it runs its logical course it means blood, murder, devastation, the making of widows and orphans, the breaking up of happy homes, and every calamity known to human experience. Teach them what is the fact, that all wickedness follows in the wake of an army; and even if you think that under the present order of things war is sometimes an evil necessity, a police duty, or even a humanitarian expedient, the last resort of benevolence even if you believe all this which is a pretty tough dose to swallow, still persist in putting the matter in its true light that "war is hell," that it is the sum of all brutality, and that it should be abhorred by every one who is sufficiently enlightened to perceive what a civilized and Christian community should be like. Your girls should be taught not to lionize a soldier any more than the butcher or the scavenger, with our apologies to the two latter very useful citizens for putting them in an odious comparison.

Every-day Love

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A group of young girls were telling of the love each felt for her mother; and, as the testimony went on, the strength of the statements grew, each child feeling obligated to surpass her mates. Finally, one said positively, "I love my mother so much I would die for her." The impressiveness of this declaration subdued the circle. The climax had been reached. A wholesome turn was given to the situation by the quiet observation of a lady sitting near, "It seems very strange to me that a little girl who loves her mother enough to die for her doesn't love her enough to wash the dishes for her." We who are older and know better require just such homely reminders to bring us back from our theories to our conditions. The love that is to "the level of every day's common needs" is the only genuine kind.

Our Young People

Follow Every Day

Just to follow every day
Where God leads;
Just to scatter all the way
Sunny deeds.
Just to go, nor question why
Shadows fall,
Ever looking to the sky
Thru them all.
Just to live, thru every day,
Pure and right;
Keeping from the heart away
Cares that bligh..
Just to stand with purpose strong
When I'm tried,
Learning thus my very all
To confide.

—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture Lesson, Josh. 1: 1-11

In this service we shall observe the twenty first birthday of the Young People's movement. In years it has just reached its majority. But what a phenomenal growth it has made. Church history knows nothing to equal it. "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden, and it grew and waxed a great tree, and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it." Nor does its power and capacity for growth show any signs of diminishing. Greater gains will be made in the next twentyone years. It has already made the church's aspect toward it change. All prejudice is now allayed; and the conditions for growth are therefore, more favorable than ever before.

But what has the movement accomplished? What are its fruits? Here are some of them:

Increased and systematic study of the Bible.
The circulation of good literature,
Denominational loyalty intensified.
Pastors aided and encouraged.
Sunday-school attendance increased.
Church services better attended and supported.
Churches better supplied with pastors.
Mid-week prayer meetings sustained.
Evangelistic services held in every conceivable place.
New churches built and old ones repaired.
City missions revived.
Young men preparing for the ministry.
Endeavor volunteers for Home and Foreign missions.
More money than ever before given to the support and extension of missions.
The growth of inter-denominational fellowship.

An increased respect for the sacredness of the Lord's Day.

All these and more are the fruits more or less directly traceable to the Young People's movement.

But greater things are yet possible to us. Not all the blessings that God has for us have yet been received. Canaan is yet before us. Our scripture lesson is full of meaning. It is directly applicable to our work. God is, in unmistakable ways calling us to go forward. The enjoyment of the blessing depends upon our giving. Listen at God's words as we begin to move forward. "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee; only be strong and very courageous."

Three lessons in the scripture reference need careful thought:

- 1 Be strong and courageous.
- 2 Obey God's law.
- 3 Bible study and meditation thereupon.

Let these three be emphasized in the meeting, as the three essential elements of progress in Christian life and activity. Then use the following Bible reading:

THE OBJECT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

- 1 To promote Christian living, Eph. 4: 23, 24; Col. 3: 1-3; I Pet. 1: 15, 16.
- 2 To promote Christian fellowship, John 13: 34, 35; Rom. 12: 10; I Cor. 13: 4-7.
- 3 To promote Christian work, Rom. 12: 6-8; I Cor. 12: 4-7; Gal. 6: 9, 10; Eph. 2: 10.
- 4 For Christ and the church, Rom. 12: 5; I Cor. 12: 27, 28; Eph. 1: 22, 23; Col. 1: 17, 18.—C. E. W.

TOPICS FOR FIVE MINUTE TALKS

- 1 History of the young people's movement.
- 2 What gains have come to the world, the church and the individual from this movement?
- 3 Young people's society and Bible study.
- 4 Young people's society and social reforms.
- 5 Young people's society and missions.
- 6 Young people's society and evangelism.
- 7 What the society has done and may yet do for our own denomination.

Let these topics be assigned in advance by the prayer meeting committee or the leader for the evening. Let there be frequent prayer for each branch of our work. Let this be a service that shall strengthen our own faith in the movement and that shall win others to it.

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I have for some time been thinking of reporting our work here, but our society is small, our town is small, and our work is so small in comparison to what we would like it to be that it hardly seemed worth reporting, and yet in talking with others I find they are in much the same condition. So I concluded to report, and perhaps we may receive help and encouragement from others.

Our society numbers fifteen members. Our meetings are held once a fortnight, on Thursday afternoon. Our plan is to commence work as soon as the members begin to arrive and to continue until 3:30 or 4 o'clock, when all work ceases and we hold our devotional exercises and our business meeting. Then work is resumed and continued until it is finished or it is time to go home.

Lately our work has consisted of tying comforters. We tie and hem them for fifty cents each. On the day before Christmas one of our neighbors lost his house and all its contents by fire. So on last Thursday our society spent the afternoon sewing for